Criminal cases pending in the Courts

3327. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the massive backlog of 2.17 crore criminal cases pending in courts throughout the country till the end of 1994;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof for the years 1994, 1995 and 1996 till date; and

(c) the reasons for sluggish rate of disposal of criminal cases by the Courts and the steps taken by Government so far to dispose of such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Proposal from Government of Orissa for the Construction of Yatri Niwas in the State

3328. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals received from the Orissa Government for construction of yatri Niwas in the state; and

(b) the action taken by the Central Government thereon along with amount sanctioned thereof for 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) The details of the Yatri Niwases sanctioned for the state of Orissa are as follows:—

ORISSA Project	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
1985-86	
1. Yatri Niwas at Satpada.	26.50
1986-87	
1. Yatri Niwas at Konark.	29.25
1991-92	
1. Yatri Niwas at Chandipur	44.85
1992-93	
1. Yatri Niwas at Puri	44.85

(b) The Department of Tourism in consultation with the State Governments prioritises proposals for Central Financial Assistance. The proposals from the State Governments for 1997-98 are awaited.

Tourism Development Plan Scheme

3329. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up a tourism development plan scheme with the association of Indian Railways and other agencies for every State during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the main features of the plan;

(c) the State-wise details including Gujarat State Tourism Plan and the arrangements held between Centre and State Government and tours operators in this regard; and

(d) the plan allocation made for the purpose during the current budget plan?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) to (c) The Department of Tourism Government of India prioritised schemes in consultation with the State Governments for central financial assistance. Wherever necessary, Ministry of Railways, Department of Culture, ASI etc. are consulted and particular projects taken up in conjunction with them. Schemes such as "Palace on